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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN  
MARIANA ISLANDS, et al.,

Defendants.

CIVIL CASE NO. CV99-0017

**MOTION FOR STATUS HEARING TO  
BE CONDUCTED ON THE RECORD;  
REQUEST FOR CO-COUNSEL TO  
ATTEND HEARING VIA  
TELECONFERENCE**

**Date: November 18, 2009  
Time: 8:00 a.m.**

Plaintiff, United States of America, hereby requests that the hearing now set for

1 November 18, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. be conducted on the record. The United States believes a record  
2 would be of assistance in fully briefing the issues before the Court. CNMI Attorney General Ed  
3 Buckingham, counsel for the Defendants, does not object to holding these proceedings on the  
4 record.

5 Further, Plaintiff requests the Court's permission for three individuals from the U.S.  
6 Department of Justice to be permitted to call in for the status conference: (1) Civil Rights  
7 Division, Special Litigation Section Deputy Chief Tammie Gregg; (2) Special Litigation Section  
8 Attorney Laura Coon; and (3) Special Litigation Section Investigator Jeff Murray.

9 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: this 6th day of October, 2009.

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